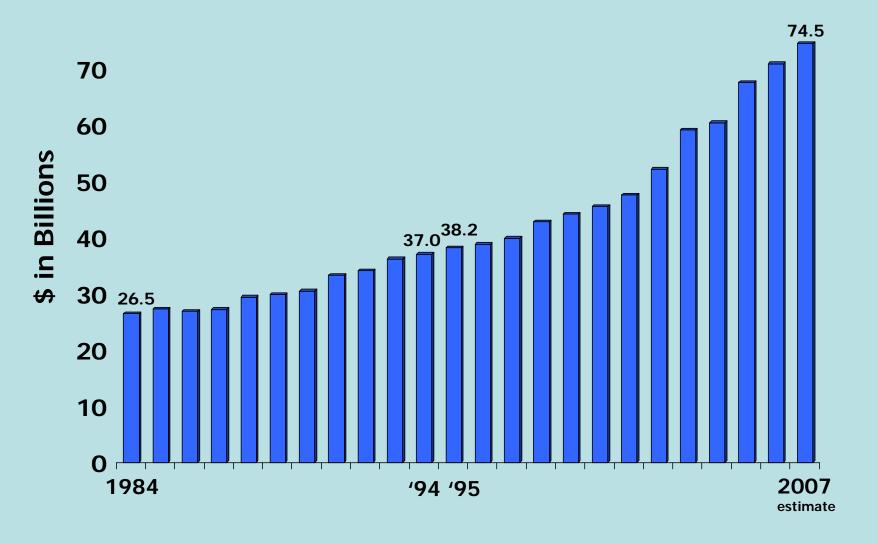
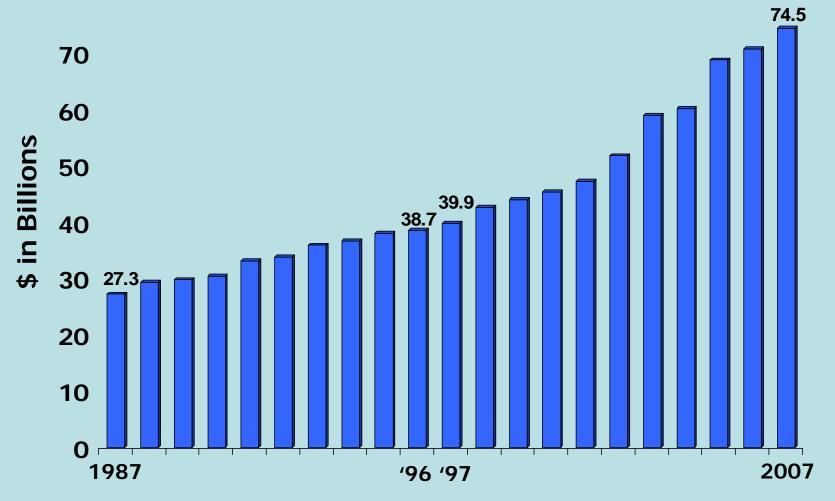
# **Budget Authority for Veterans Programs Before and After 1995**

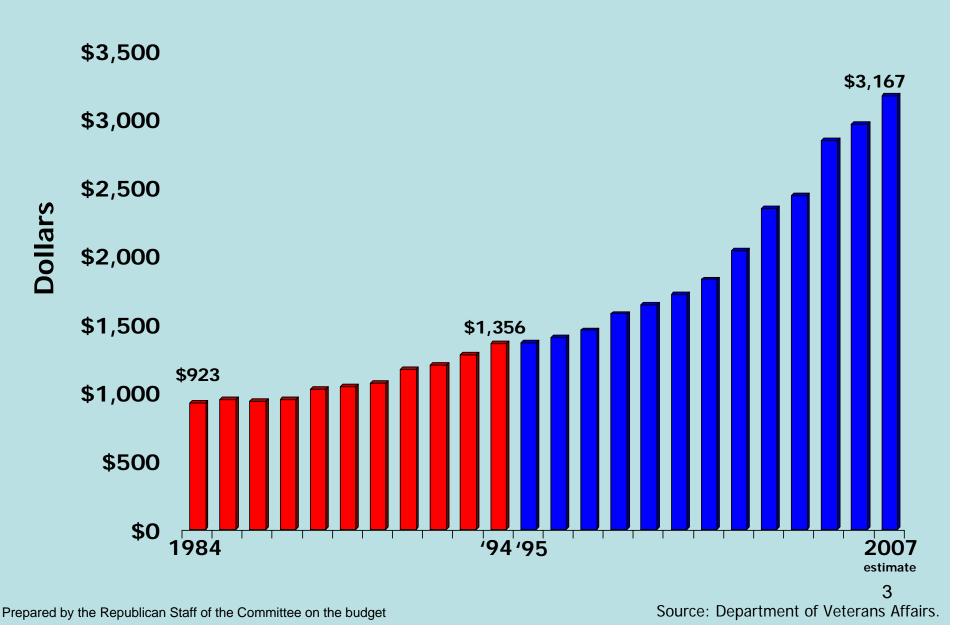


#### Budget Authority for Veterans Programs Over 20 Years

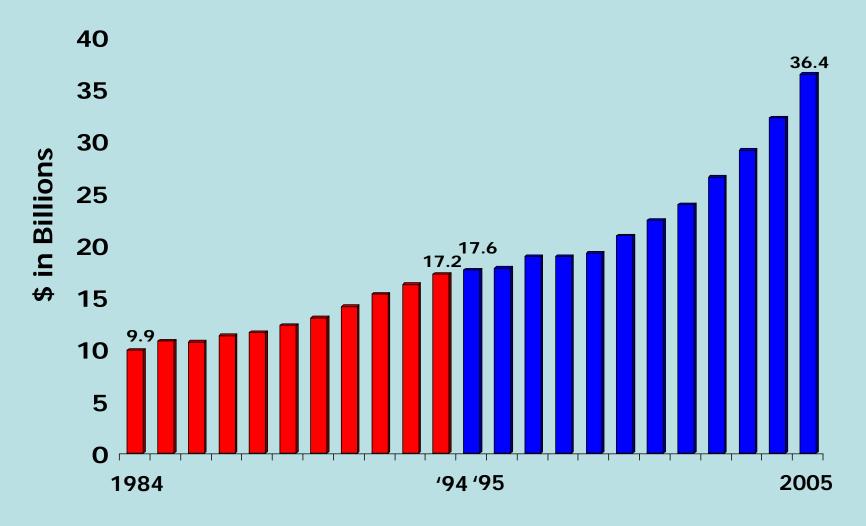


Note: 41.7% increase 1987 to 1996; 86.7% increase 1997 to 2007.

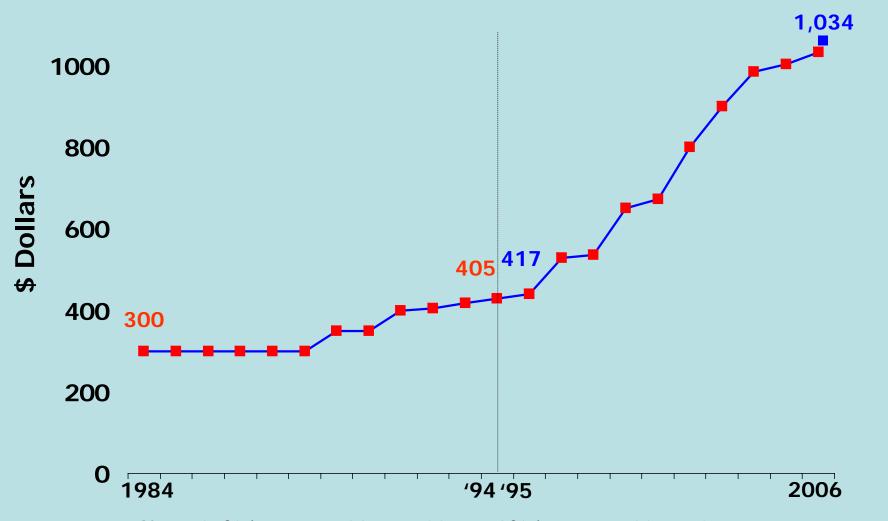
#### Spending Per Veteran, 1984-2007



# Discretionary Spending for Veterans Before and After 1995



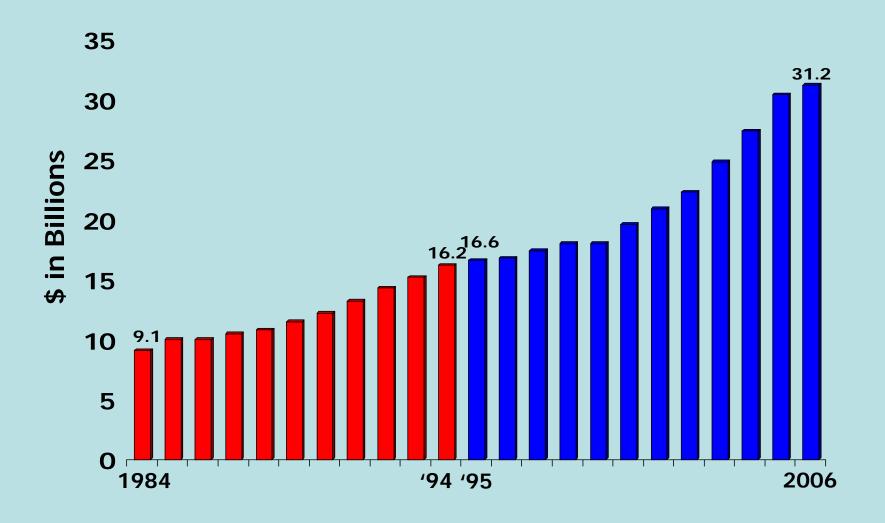
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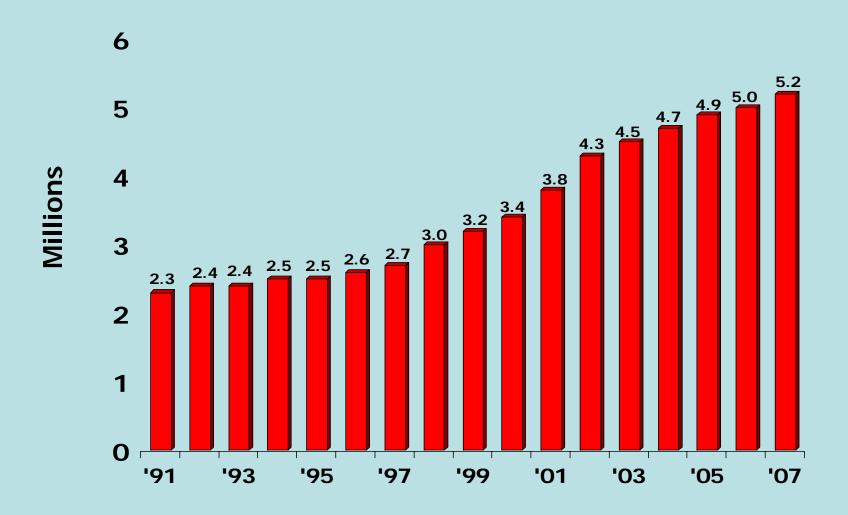
Note: 35% increase 1984 to 1994; 148% increase 1995 to 2006.

Source: Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### Total Budget Authority for Hospital and Medical Care for Veterans Before and After 1995



#### Number Receiving Medical Care, 1991-2007



# Comparison of Selected Veterans Enhancements

**1995-2005** 

<u>1984-1994</u>

Increased veterans spending 77.0 percent	★ Increased veterans spending 39.6 percent
Enacted Veterans Program Enhancement of 1998, providing medical benefits for National Guard and Reserves	★ No action
Increased Montgomery GI Bill monthly benefit 147 percent	★ Increased Montgomery GI Bill monthly benefits 35 percent
Enacted Concurrent Receipt legislation in 2003	★ No action
Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 – Made all veterans eligible for comprehensive VA health care	★ No comparable action
Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 – Permits DIC for certain remarried spouses, increases adaptive auto and housing grants, and other benefits	No comparable action
Veterans Programs Enhancement Act – Improved benefits and services to Persian Gulf War veterans	★ Agent Orange Act of 1991 – Allows presumptive service connection for diseases associated with herbicide exposure
Transportation Equity Act – Veterans Benefits Act – Increase MGIB benefits by 20 percent and indexed to CPI	★ New GI Bill Continuation Act – Made Montgomery GI Bill a permanent program

Note: This is a partial listing of comparable actions for the two time periods indicated.8